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1. Tank and artillery units totaling about two thousand troops were located in a cantonment about 1,000 feet north of the OHRDRUF (M 51/J 15) RR station on 14 July 1949. Troops of signal, engineer, motor transport and medical units were also seen there. Many soldiers wore the following marksmanship insignia:

The cantonment comprised 25 wooden buildings built on solid foundations.

2. The following heavy weapons were seen in the cantonment:

Six "Shchuka" tanks;  
 One "T 34/43" tank;  
 Two "SU 249" self-propelled guns;  
 Three "SU 152" self-propelled guns;  
 One "SU 76" self-propelled gun;  
 Three 76.2-mm field guns;  
 Three 152-mm gun howitzers.

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The troops located in the OHRDRUF area were estimated by local residents at 20,000 to 30,000. ++

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[REDACTED] component units of  
the XXVIII Gds Itz Rifle Corps and the 220th Hvy Tank Bn  
Regt of the Eighth Gds Army have been on maneuvers at the CHR-  
DRUF troops training grounds since early May 1949.

++ The information that 20,000 to 30,000 troops were train-  
ing in the CHRDUF area is considered credible.

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